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In re Application of:

DE RODRIGUEZ et al.

Examiner: Chakrabarti, Arun k

Appln. No. 09/764,783

Art Unit: 1655

Filed: 01/17/2001

For: METHOD OF PROCESSING BLOOD SAMPLES IN ORDER TO PRODUCE DNA
COMPLEX PATTERNS FOR DIAGNOSTIC APPLICATIONS

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.116

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Official Action dated 1 July 2001, the time to respond which is
herein extended by one month to November 1, 2002, please enter the following amendments and
consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7-20.

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows, shown here in clean form. A redlined version is
being submitted herewith on a separate sheet.

1. A method of processing human blood samples to form a DNA complex strand pattern,
comprising the steps of:
 - a. mixing a sample of blood containing plasma and blood cells with an anticoagulant
to form an anti-coagulated blood mixture;
 - b. centrifuging the anti-coagulated blood mixture in order to separate the plasma
from the blood cells;

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